

Remarks

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement for the above referenced application mailed November 18, 2003.

Applicants elect Group II (claims 8-10) without traverse and reserve the right to continue prosecution of the remaining claims in divisional applications. Applicants have also added claims 17-21. Support for the claims can be found throughout the specification. In particular:

Amended claim 9 finds support in the specification at page 5, line 17.

Claim 17 finds support in claim 1 and claim 7.

Claim 18 finds support in claim 9.

Claim 19 finds support in claim 10.

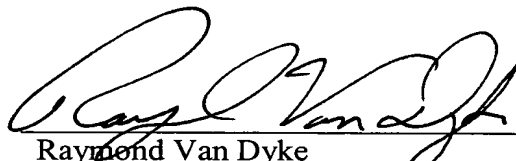
Claims 20 and 21 find support in the specification at page 3, line 1 and page 17, line 12 where it identifies the published rat sequence as GenBank accession number U42975. Applicant's respectfully submit that SEQ ID NOs 2 and 4 are 96% and 99% homologous, respectively, to the rat sequence.

Based on the foregoing, Applicants believe that the instant application is now in condition for allowance and request that it be passed to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,

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